

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Gertrude McCurdy Hubbard, August 20, 1875, with transcript

(Copy) 17 Salem, Mass. August 20th, 1875. Dear Mrs. Hubbard:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

If Mabel dreads meeting me — (May I call her “Mabel” to you?) — had I not better wait for a week or so after her return before calling?

Please tell my good sister and Aunt — in — heart that I shall feel deeply grateful to them if they will assist me in my endeavours to become less of a hermit than I have been. I have too long been a sort of moral Diogenes — and have hitherto cared for nobody's good opinion save my own.

With kind regards,

Yours very respectfully, A. Graham Bell. P. S. I have written to my mother the most dutiful letter I could pen. I fear however I have not spoken as kindly as I should have done had she not alluded to Mabel as a “deaf-mute.” Please excuse haste. A. G. B. Mrs. Gardiner G. Hubbard. Brattle St., Cambridge.